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The Petitioners, Sean and Gwen Kessler, appeared, testified and were represented by Alvin M. Braverman, Esquire. Appearing as Protestants in the matter were Stanley Nachimson, Ronald and Susan Spikloser, and Neal M. Brown, who appeared on behalf of the Chestnut Ridge Community Association of Baltimore County, Inc.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 15 Valley Glen Court, consists of 1.394 acres, zoned R.C.5, and is improved with a two-story dwelling and attached garage which has been converted into office space. The Petitioners filed the instant Petition as a result of a zoning complaint filed with the Zoning Enforcement Division of the Zoning Administration and Development Management office concerning the operation of a business out of their home. Sean Kessler testified that he operates a footwear business from his residence. Mr. Kessler testified that his business consists of the design, detailing, and artistic technical rendition of footwear. He testified that there are no products sold from his home, nor are there any commodities for sale kept at the subject location. Mr. Kessler offered many exhibits concerning the final product of his occupation. These exhibits consisted of artistic and graphic renditions of footwear, i.e., sports tennis shoes, baby shoes, infant footwear, etc. Mr. Kessler testified that these renditions of footwear are produced by way of computers that are located in his office. Mr. Kessler testified that in addition to himself, there is one other employee who works with him in the office. Petitioner's Exhibit 1 depicts the percentage of the office area of the dwelling to be 12%.

Milton Miller, who resides on the adjoining property known as 13 Valley Glen Court, appeared and testified on behalf of the Petitioners. Mr. Miller testified that he does not notice any business activity taking place at his neighbor's house. He testified that the business poses no problem to the neighborhood and is not a detriment to the community. He indicated the Petitioners' home office even offers a safety factor in that Mr. Kessler is home working and is available in the event an emergency should arise involving one of the neighbors. Mr. Miller testified that any increase in traffic is negligible and indicated that he had more traffic at his house than did Mr. Kessler.

The Petitioners also submitted as an exhibit a Petition signed by various neighbors indicating they have no objection to the Kesslers' operation of the subject business from their home. This Petition was accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3C and was signed by the residents Nos. 1, 5, 7, and 13 Valley Glen Court, the residents of 4 Shady Woods Court as well as the residents of 2202 Ridge Road.

Appearing and testifying in opposition to Petitioners' request

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were Stanley Nachimson of 11 Valley Glen Court, Ron and Susan Spikloser of 3 Valley Glen Court, and Neil M. Brown on behalf of the Chestnut Ridge Community Association. The Protestants testified that they are opposed to Petitioners' request due to the increase in traffic. They testified that this area is a rural area and not appropriate for a business operation. Testimony was also presented that Mr. Kessler's occupation is not that of a professional and should therefore not be permitted.

Before deciding the issue for special exception it must first be determined whether Mr. Kessler's occupation as a technical and artistic designer of footwear, is that of a professional as that term is used in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). The B.C.Z.R., while not providing a specific definition of a professional, do provide a laundry list of occupations that are considered professional. The list contains physicians, dentists, lawyers, architects, engineers, artists, musicians, or "other professional persons." The occupation that Mr. Kessler engages in is not specifically listed as one of these types of professions. Therefore, it becomes necessary to interpret the meaning of the phrase "other professional persons." In order to interpret this phrase, it becomes necessary to apply the accepted doctrine of statutory construction, ejusdem generis.

When looking at the list of professionals given to us by the B.C.Z.R., I must decide whether Mr. Kessler's occupation is consistent with those listed. The issue of what constitutes a professional has been the subject of prior zoning decisions of this office as well as case law.

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals had an opportunity to interpret a very similar statute to our Baltimore County regulation dealing with offices or studios of professionals. In the case of Keefe Company v.

D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment, 409 A2d, 624 (D.C., 1979), the District of Columbia Court of Appeals held that a consulting firm and registered lobbyist was not a similar professional person within the meaning of their particular zoning regulation dealing with such professionals. In Keefe, the Zoning Administrator held that a professional must meet three criteria: 1) A professional education; 2) a code of ethics and some principles of practice through a professional organization; and, 3) a professional li-

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals also applied this three-part test in the case of Colker v. D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment 474 A2d, 820 (D.C., 1983). In Colker, the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment held that an accountant, financial analyst or economist was not a "similar professional person" under that jurisdiction's similar zoning regulation dealing with such professionals. The Board of Zoning Adjustment in that case found that financial analysts and economists are not subject to professional licensing nor are economists bound by a professional code of ethics.

The three-part test for a professional which was enunciated in Keefe, and applied in Colker, was also applied by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, Arnold Jablon, in the case of In the Matter of Richard A. Dalla Tezza, Case No. 85-78-X. In that case, Mr. Jablon denied the Petition for Special Exception wherein the Petitioner argued that a real estate broker was a professional within the meaning of the B.C.Z.R. dealing with offices or studios of professionals. The then Zoning Commissioner, applying the test enunciated in Keefe, determined that the Scourse of study undergone by a real estate broker to gain his broker's license does not establish sufficient education to comply with the require-

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ments of the test enunciated and applied in the Colker case.

Applying the three-part test stated above to the particular facts of this case leads me to conclude that the occupation engaged in by Mr. Kessler is <u>not</u> that of a professional as that term has been interpreted by prior case law and prior hearings before the Zoning Commissioner. There was no testimony presented by the Petitioner to indicate that he possessed a professional license, was bound by a code of professional ethics, or had any type of formal professional education regarding his occupation. Mr. Kessler testified that his training and education consisted of years of experience actually performing this type of work.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it is the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner that the term "other professional person" does not include a technical and artistic designer of footwear. This holding is consistent with the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments submitted by Arnold "Pat" Keller, III, Deputy Director of the Office of Planning, dated November 7, 1991. Mr. Keller stated that Mr. Kessler's request is inconsistent with the inherent definition of what constitutes a professional person. However, Mr. Keller went on further to state that his staff feels that, by definition, the applicant's use of the property is more consistent with that of a "home occupation" which would also be a less intensive use than that of a professional office.

Given the facts that were presented to me at the hearing, I agree with the Office of Planning that the Petitioners' use of their property is consistent with that of a "home occupation". Section 101 of the B.C.Z.R. defines "home occupation" as follows:

"Any use conducted entirely within a dwelling which is incidental to the main use of the building for dwelling purposes and does not have any exterior evidence, other than a permitted sign, to indicate that the building

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is being utilized for any purpose other than that of a dwelling; and in connection with which no commodity is kept for sale on the premises, not more than one person is employed on the premises other than domestic servants or members of the immediate family, and no mechanical equipment is used except such as may be used for domestic purposes. A 'Home Occupation' does not include fortune-telling."

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the occupation in which the Petitioner engages satisfies the definition of a "home occupation" and as such, is a permitted use of his residential property as a matter of right.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, a modification of the relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this Baltimore County this Baltimore County this Special Hearing to approve the occupation of a technical and artistic designer of footwear as a "professional", be and is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to permit the use of less than 25% of the subject residential property for a professional office, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioners' use of their property satisfies the definition of a "home occupation" as that term is defined in the B.C.Z.R. and as such, is permitted as a matter of right. Therefore, the Petitioner shall be permitted to continue to operate his business from his residence subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

1) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

2) Any and all business activity conducted within the Petitioners' dwelling shall be restricted to the area marked "office area" on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

3) There shall be no exterior evidence whatsoever to indicate that Petitioner is operating a business from within his dwelling. Exterior evidence shall consist of deliveries of items for business purposes via Federal Express, UPS, or other similar delivery service. Exterior evidence shall also consist of customer and/or employee traffic, excepting therefrom the one permitted employee. There shall be no exterior signs permitted on the property. Further, there shall be no exterior activity on the property that is not commonly associated with a dwelling used for residential purposes only.

4) The Petitioner is permitted to have one (1) employee, in addition to himself, working on the premises. This shall not include domestic servants or members of the Petitioner's immediate family.

5) In addition to the restrictions contained herein, the Petitioners shall comply with the definition of a "home occupation" as that term is defined in the B.C.Z.R.

6) The Petitioners shall permit a representative of the Zoning Enforcement Division of the Zoning Administration and Development Management office to inspect the interior of the subject dwelling to insure the Petitioners are in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

7) The relief granted herein shall inure to the benefit of the Petitioners only and shall not be transferrable to any subsequent purchaser or transferree of the subject property. Should the Petitioners sell their home, the relief granted in this Order shall expire.

8) The Petitioner has thirty (30) days from the date of this Order to take an appeal of this Decision. In the event that the Petitioner does not appeal this Decision, then by virtue of no appeal being taken, the Petitioner hereby consents and agrees to be bound by the restrictions stated above.

> 1.7 x 2 cc TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltanore County Government Zorana Commissioner Office of Planning and zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

January 15, 1992

Alvin M. Braverman, guire 11433 Cronridge Dr vo, tuite E Owings Mills, Mary and 21:17

RE: PETITIONS FOR THE MEANING AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION E/S Valley Gler (1927), 1.85' S of the c/1 of idge Road (15 Valley Glen t) 8th Election Distance - 3rd Councilmanic biggiet Sean M. Kessler, et Re-Petitioners Case No. 92-163-SPHX

Dear Mr. Braverman:

Enclosed please time a for the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception have been denied; however, a modification of the relief requested has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, Menthy boiron

TMK:bjs

cc: Mr. Stanley Nachimson 11 Valley Glen Court, Reisterstown, Md. 21136

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Spikloser 3 Valley Glen Court, Reisterstown, Md. 21136

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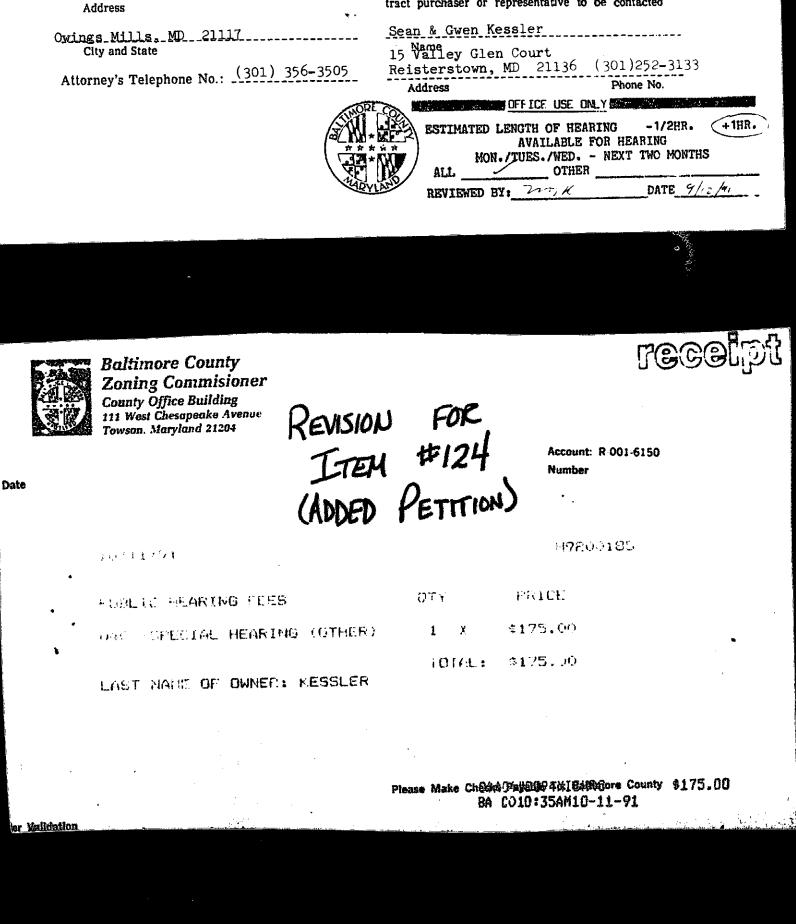
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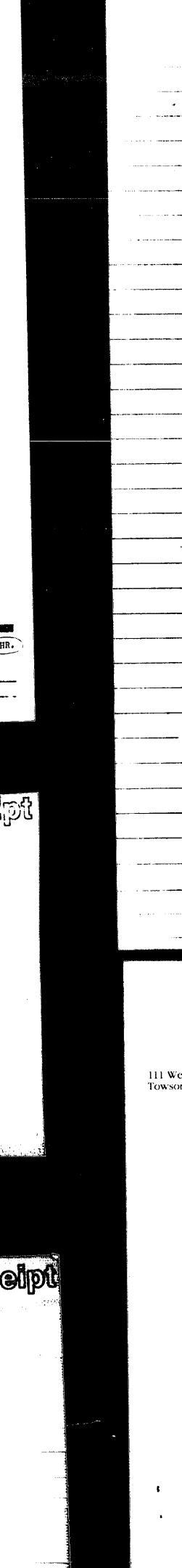
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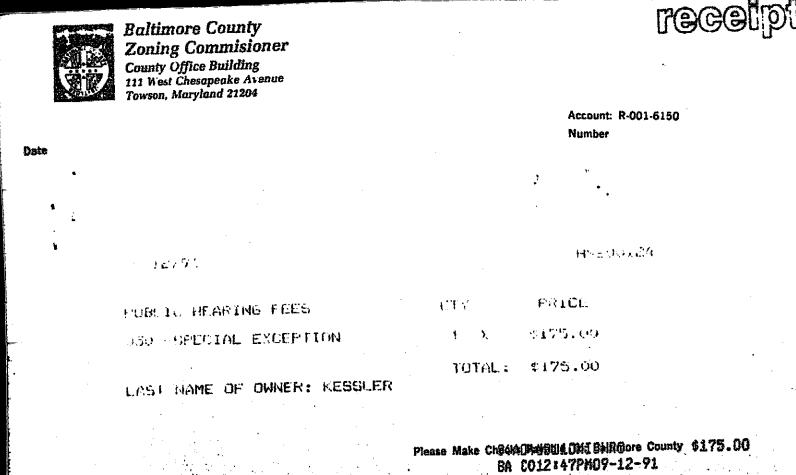
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cc: Alvin M. Braverman, Esq.

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NOVEMBER 1, 1991

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

CASE NUMBER: 92-163-SPHX
LEGAL OWNER(s): Sean and Gwen Kessler
LOCATION: 15 Valley Glen Court

THE ABOVE MATTER, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO HEARD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1991, HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF STANLEY NACHIMSON (copy of request attached).

NOTIFICATION OF THE NEW HEARING DATE WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY.

Arnold Jablon

cc: Sean and Gwen Kessler Alvin M. Braverman, Esq. Stanley Nachimson

NOTE:

Mr. & Mrs. Kessler - enclosed please find postponement stickers to be placed on the zoning notice signs. After applying the stickers, please allow the signs to remain posted until 11/14/91; they may be returned to this office any day following 11/14/91.

Thank you

Baltimore County Government
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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 12th day of September, 1991.

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DIRECTOR

Received By

Charleson, Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Sean M. Kessler, et ux Petitioner's Attorney: Alvin M. Braverman Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

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Special Hearing to approve the subject occupation (technical and artistic design of footware) as professional.

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cc: Sean and Swen Kessler
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Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500 (301) 887-4500

OCTOBER 24, 1991

Arnold Jabler
Director
Toning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: SEAN M. RESSLER

Location:

#15 VALLEY GLEN COURT

Item No.:

124 Zoning Agenda: OCTOBER 22, 1991

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy.

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Baltimore County Government
Office of Zoning Administration
and Development Management
Office of Planning & Zoning

November 1, 1991

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Alvin M. Braverman, Esquire 11433 E. Cronridge Drive Owings Mills, MD 21117

RE: Item No. 124, Case No. 92-163-SPHX
Petitioner: Sean M. Kessler, et ux
Petition for Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Braverman:

NOV. 13 92-163-201X

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, F.E.

184, 186, 187, 188 and 189.

Item #438 (Case No. 91-466).

County Review Group Meeting.

dated October 10, 1991.

DE: Large Advisory Committee Meeting

for October 22, 1991

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: October 29, 1991 Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed

In addition, we have no comments at this time for

For Item 166, we will have no comments until the

For Item 171, see our County Review Group comments

Item 181 represents a minor subdivision, which should be processed through the minor subdivision procedures.

For Item 182, no comments are necessary on density

were prepared for this site, dated October 9, 1990.

For Items 174 and 175, minor subdivision review comments

Developers Engineering Division

the subject zoning items and we have no comments for Items 124, 167, 168, 169, 170, 173, 176, 178, 179, 180,

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related <u>only to the filing of future</u> <u>zoning petitions</u> and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a review by Zoning personnel.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committe Coments Date: November 1, 1991

2) Anyone using this system should be fully aware that they are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of any such petition. All petitions filed in this manner will be reviewed and commented on by Zoning personnel prior to the hearing. In the event that the peition has not been filed correctly, there is always a possibility that another hearing will be required or the Zoning Commissioner will deny the petition due to errors or imcompleteness.

Attorneys and/or engineers who make appointments to file petitions on a regular basis and fail to keep the appointment without a 72 hour notice will be required to submit the appropriate filing fee at the time future appointments are made. Failure to keep these appointments without proper advance notice, i.e. 72 hours, will result in the loss of filing fee.

Very truly yours,

JAMES E. DYER Chairman

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

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cc: Mr. & Mrs. Sean M. Kessler 15 Valley Glen Court Reisterstown, MD 21136

92-163-SPAK Nov.

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: November 6, 1991

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director
Office of Zoning Administration
and Development Management

FROM: Rahee J. Famili

SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: October 22, 1991

This office has no comments for item numbers 124, 166, 167, 168, 169,

173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 180, 181, 182, 184, 186, 187, 188 and 189.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: November 7, 1991 TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Arnold "Pat" Keller, III, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Kessler Property, Item No. 124

In reference to the applicant's Special Hearing to approve the subject occupation (technical and artistic design of footwear) as professional, staff offers the following comments:

This request appears to be seeking an administrative remedy to an ongoing zoning violation (See Case No. C-92-281).

The R.C.5 zone was created to provide for rural-residential development in suitable areas which lack basic services. The Master Plan indicates that development in Rural Protection Areas, in some instances, takes on a suburban rather than a rural character.

In the opinion of the Office of Planning and Zoning the applicant's request to continue the use of designing footwear as a professional person is inconsistent with the inherent definition of what constitutes a professional person, and the consistent application by the Zoning Office regarding these cases.

If this request were granted, the applicant would be permitted to use up to 25 per cent of the total floor area of the subject residence, would be allowed to employ one non-resident professional associate and two other non-resident employees. The potential intensity of such a use raises serious concerns, and staff is unable to find that this requested use would be compatible with the rural-residential character of the community of Green Valley North. The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations does, however, permit home occupations by right in the R.C.5 zone as an accessary use. While not taking a position on the appropriateness of a home occupation at this location, staff feels that by definition, the applicant's use of the property is more consistent with the definition of a home occupation which would also be a less intensive use than a professional office.

Memorandum 11/7/91 To: Arnold Jablon

From: Arnold "Pat" Keller, III Subj: Kessler Property, Item No. 124

Should the applicant's request be granted, staff recommends the following conditions be attached:

-the hours of operation should be restricted to between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

-all parking should be provided on the applicant's lot

-no signage or exterior evidence of the use should be permitted

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

PK/JL:rdn

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DEED — FEE SIMPLE — INDIVIDUAL GRANTOR — LONG FORM 92-163-SPHX

This Deed, MADE THIS 27 5 day of May

in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six

RONALD FISHKIND and MINDY FISHKIND, his wife

of Baltimore County, in the State of Maryland, parties

SEAN M. KESSLER and GWEN C. KESSLER his wife

of Baltimore County, in the State of Maryland, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That in consideration of the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

(\$175,000.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

the said parties of the first part

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by and between

of the first part, and

grant and convey to the said parties of the second part, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, and unto the survivor of them, his or her

personal representatives and assigns

, in fee simple, all of ground situate in Baltimore County

and described as follows, that is to say:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot No. 57, as shown on a Plat entitled "Amended Plat of Section One, Green Valley North", which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, in Plat Book E.H.K.Jr. No. 37, folio 22. The improvements thereon being known as 15 Valley Glen Court.

BEING the same lot of ground which by deed dated July 6, 1979, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, in Liber E.H.K.Jr. No. 6045, folio 547, was granted and conveyed by Steven Rosenthal and wife unto the grantors herein.

> STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS & TAXATION

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November 27, 1991

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner Old Court House 400 Washington Avenue Room 113 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Special Exception - Sean and Gwen Kessler 15 Valley Glen Court Reisterstown, Maryland 21136 Case Nos.: 92-163-SPH & 92-163-SPHX

93/91

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of Chestnut Ridge Community Association of Baltimore County, Inc. ("Chestnut Ridge") for the purpose of opposing the above-referenced special exception request filed on behalf of Sean and Gwen Kessler. Before detailing the reasons why Chestnut Ridge opposes this special exception request, I thought it important to give you some background on our community association.

Chestnut Ridge was founded in 1926. Currently, we have 165 members and are responsible for the area included within Greenspring Valley Road, Butler Road, Park Heights Avenue and Falls Road. Our community association has been involved actively with our elected legislatures on both a local and state wide basis in an effort to ensure that our community continues to be a very desirable residential area.

With this background in mind, we have reviewed the special exception request filed by the Kesslers, talked with neighbors of the Kesslers and examined the property. First and foremost, we do not believe that the Kessler's special exception request is consistent with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Please allow me to explain our position in this regard.

As you are aware, under the relevant zoning classifications, a "professional office" in the Kessler's residence may be permitted only by special exception. See Baltimore County Zoning Regulations 1A01.2B. The particular special exception at issue in this matter is 16A, which provides that the following use of property may be

November 27, 1991

Neal M. Brown, Esquire Miles & Stockbridge 600 Washington Avenue Suite 300 Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING ENFORCEMENT SECTION

CASE NUMBER C- 92-,281

DEAR SEAN M. + GWEN C KESSLER

CEACE THIS OPERATION.

CONTACT ME AT 887-8096

INSPECTOR: Nous Thompson

COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN ATTAINED AND THE CASE WILL BE CLOSED.

BILL #132-85).

* * * * * CORRECTION NOTICE FOR ALLEGED ZONING VIOLATION * * * * *

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AN INSPECTION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED LOCATION REVEALED:

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO

FAILURE TO COMPLY BY SEPTEMBER 13 1991, WILL RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE

OF A CITATION WHEREIN YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$200.00 FOR EACH

VIOLATION, AND EACH DAY SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE VIOLATION (CIVIL PENALTY

LOCATION: 15 VPLLET GLEN CT , REISTERSTOWN, MID 21136

THERE WAS NO VIOLATION OBSERVED AND THE CASE WILL BE CLOSED.

THERE IS AN APPARENT VIOLATION AND THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION IS REQUIRED:

AN OFFICE SUCH AS THE ONE LOCATED IN YOUR HOIDE IS

PROHIBITED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. EITHER RELOCATE OR

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Dear Mr. Brown:

On behalf of Chestnut Ridge Community Association of Baltimore, Inc., I specifically authorize you to be the representative of this Community organization at the Special Exception Hearing of the Kesslers currently scheduled for December 3, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. in Baltimore County.

> Very truly yours, CHESTNUT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, INC. 1 cm Jerald B. Lurie, President

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11 Valley Glen Court Reisterstown, Maryland 21136 October 30, 1991

Mr. Arnold Jablon Office of Zoning Administration Room 109 County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon:

TELEPHONE: 887-3351

ELECTION DISTRICT:

I am writing to request a postponement of Special Exception Hearing Case Numbers 92-163-SPH and 92-163-SPHX. The petitoners in these cases are Sean and Gwen Kessler.

I am a neighbor of the Kesslers and made the initial zoning complaint against them (Case No. C-92-281). I will have directly relevant testimony to make at the hearing regarding the activities that have occurred and are occurring at the Kesslers' residence and their direct impact upon my residence and the neighborhood. I will oppose the granting of the special exceptions based on those activities, and plan to testify at the hearing.

The hearing is scheduled for November 13. I will be out-of-state on personal business at that time and would be unable to attend. This trip has been planned for over two months. I ask that you postpone the hearing to a later date. I will be back in the area on November 15 and have no travel plans through the end of the year.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

ZONING OFFICE

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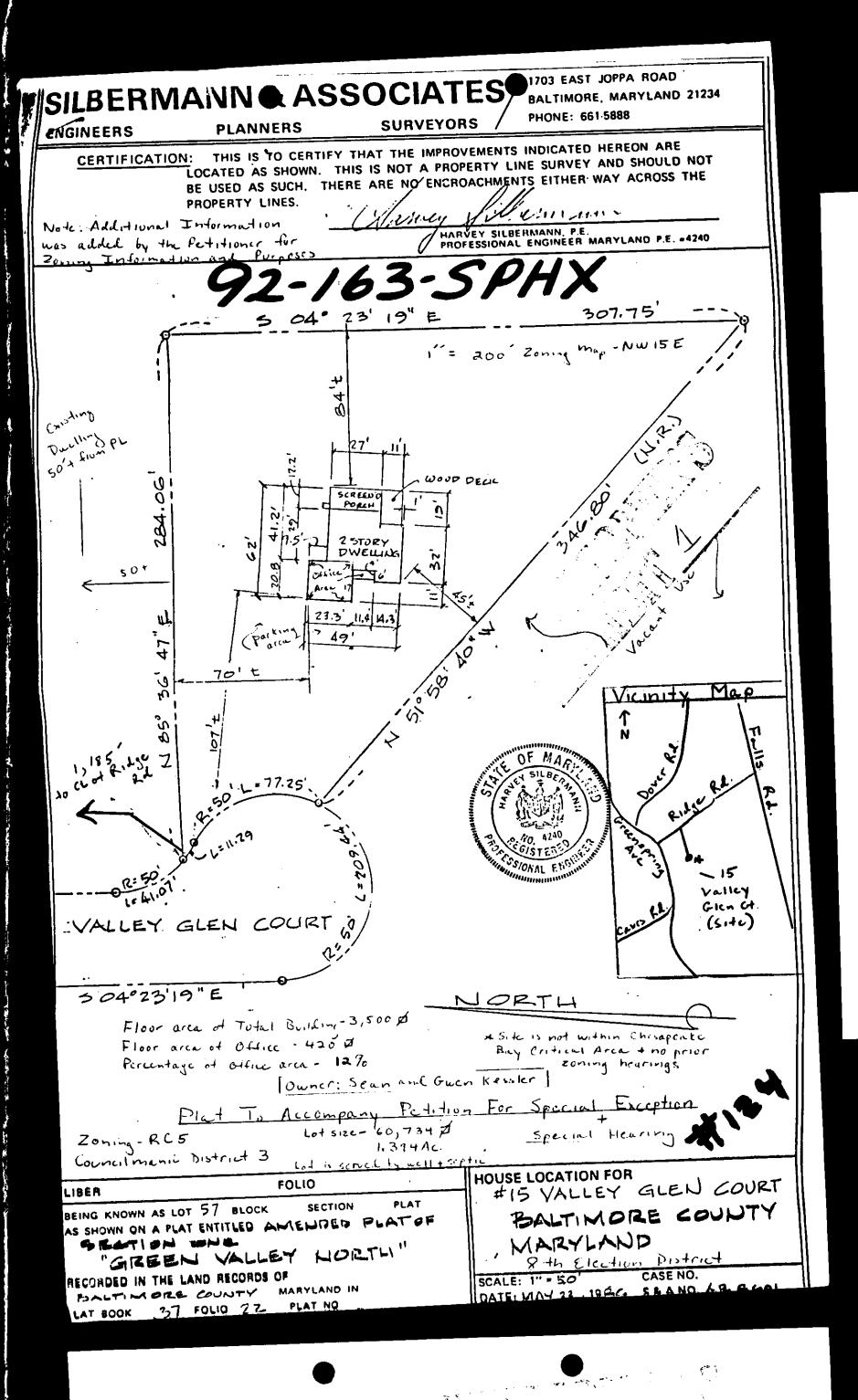
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Baltimore County Zoning Commission 111 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case #92-163-SPHX

It has come to our attention that the Kessler's of 15 Valley Glen Court have petitioned the Zoning Commission for a Special Exception via a Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 1991.

We understand that the hearing is to clarify that the Kessler's occupation: "Technical and artistic design of footwear", is a professional occupation and that they; therefore, can continue to operate their business from their home if the special exception is granted.

We further agree that the Kessler's are and will continue to be in full compliance with all Zoning laws.

As neighbors of the Kessler's, we have no objection to the granting of this special exception.

We have signed below on our own accord and were not forced in any

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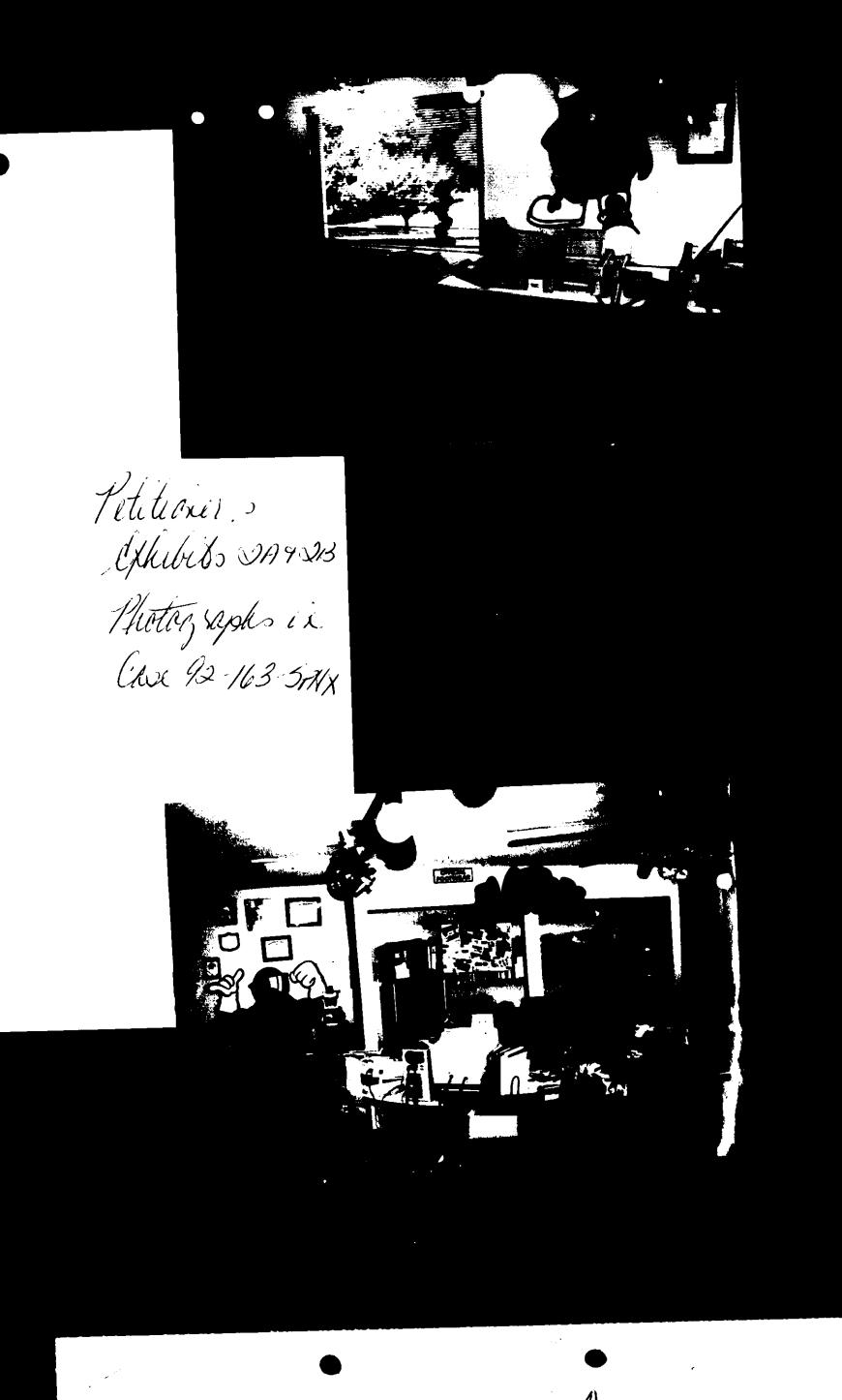
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Good morning. My name is Stanley Nachimson. I live at 11 Valley
Glen Court, 2 houses up the block from the subject property. Thank

your for the opportunity to present my remarks. I also thank you for

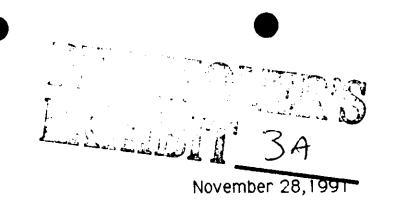
postponing this hearing until today to allow me to be here.

I'd like to spend the next few minutes describing Valley Glen Court.

then tell you the history of this situation and explain my opposition
to granting the request to operate the Kessler's business at 15

Valley Glen Court.

Raltimore County. It is a one block long court, openning onto Ridge
Road. There are houses on only one side of the street. 8 houses each
on approximately one acre lots. On the other side of the street are
woods which form a boundary to a farm. We are located in an RC 5
zone. This is a very quiet block, with, up to now, only the normal
residential traffic, the small volume of which is to be expected with
only 8 houses on the block. I bought my land and built my house here



Richard and Lisa Gerberg 5 Valley Glen Court Reisterstown, Md. 21136

To whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that both Richard and Lisa Gerberg are in full support of a special exception for the Kessler's of 15 Valley Glen Court to operate their business in their home office. We feel that the Kessler's conducting business from an office in their home has not created a noisy commercial attmosphere. We have not noticed an increase in commercial traffic or an increase in residential traffic in the area. We feel that the Kessler's pose no threat to the quiet residential setting in which we live.

Thank you very much,

Richard and Lisa Gerberg



Baltimore County Zoning Commission 111 W. Chesapeake Ave.

RE: Case # 92-163-SPHX

Towson, MD 21204

This letter is written on behalf of the Kessler's who have filed for a Special Exception.

Our property, 13 Valley Glen Ct., is located directly next to the Kessler property. We are aware of the use of their garage portion of their home as an office. We also realize that they may employ one or two individuals who work from that office.

The operation of Kessler Marketing Group has not posed any negative effect on our day to day life. There has been no significant increase of traffic due to employees or deliveries. In actuality, the existence of the business is not noticeable, except for one or two extra cars in the driveway.

We feel that if the conditions remain as they have been over the past few months, this home-office situation does not adversely effect the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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Susan and Mickey Miller, Jr.

